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1. Arka Fishing and Supply Enterprise (Przedsiębiorstwo Polowowi Usług Rybackich - PPIUR-Arka) was, in the years 1950-1952, one of the biggest state-owned fishing enterprises, supplying about 50% of all fish for Polish consumption.

2. The establishments and installations of Arka were located as follows:

The Head Office, in Gdynia, ul. Waszyngtona 32

Branch Gdynia in Gdynia, ul. Hryniewieckiego 22

Branch Darlowo /5425N-1625E/

Branch Ustka /5435N-1651E/

Ship repair yard in Puck /5442N-1825E/ and small repair workshops in Gdynia and fishing ports Hel /5437N-1847E/, Władysławowo /5448N-1825N/, Jastarnia /5442N-1840E/.

3. Organization scheme and functions of Arka were as follows: /See Annex A/

- a. Head Office (Centrala) was the main administrative office for the whole enterprise where all business was planned and decided. The whole staff included about 200 men and women. Some of its departments served as well for the Gdynia branch.

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- b. The Chief Managing Director (Dyrektor Naczelny) controlled the whole enterprise in collaboration with party and pseudo-social representatives, namely: the Secretariat of United Polish Worker's Party and the Worker's Council.
4. There were five assistant directors subordinated directly to the Chief Director, who were responsible for their departments and sections.
- a. Personnel Director (Dyrektor Personalny) held an independent and influential position in Arka. He was in charge of all personnel through personnel officers in all departments and sections of the enterprise and well acquainted with their work and problems. Six persons were employed in his office to keep charge of records, card index, and dealt with such matters as discharging employees, issuing identity cards, all types of certificates and instructions about discipline of labor, leave status, etc.
- b. Director of Planning (Dyrektor Planowania) was in charge of the planning office (about 22 persons) and responsible for drafting plans of production, requirements, and supply for Arka according to directives received from the State Commission for Economic Planning and on the basis of the proposals submitted by all departments and sections of the enterprise. Under the Planning Office was the Accounting and Inventory Office (Księgowosc Materjalow) employing 6-8 clerks where all requests for material were submitted, requisition orders issued according to plan, and inventory books kept for all material and equipment used in the enterprise.
- c. Director of Finance (Dyrektor Finansowy) was responsible for planning and handling of all financial problems of the enterprise. A legal advisor was a member of this department dealing with insurance and damages, etc. The chief accountant (Kierownik Rachuby i Księgowosci) in charge of the Accounting Office (Księgowosc) was the deputy of the finance director and had cashiers (Kasy) subordinate to him.
- d. Fishery Director (Dyrektor Polowow) was responsible for planning, operation, supply, and equipment of the fishing fleet of the enterprise. All this was done by the following sections subordinated to him:
- (1) Fishery Section (Dzial Polowowy) employed 8-10 persons; ichthyologists, fishermen, skippers, technicians who were responsible for studies and instructions on fishing methods, fishing grounds, and fishing equipment. Subordinate to this section was Damages Sub-section (Dzial Awaryjny) cooperated with Technical and Financial Sections in matters concerning collisions of fishing trawlers and establishing the responsibility.
  - (2) Supply Section (Dzial Zaopatrzenia) was responsible for planning and delivery of all material needed by fishing fleet. This section was divided into two sub-sections:
    - (a) Technical Supply Sub-section (Podsekcja Zaopatrzenia Technicznego) was responsible for purchasing and supply of engines, machinery, spare parts, tools, fuel and lubricants, all steel and metals needed for repairs, electric dynamos and material, ordinary wire cables, and as well for transport.
    - (b) Navigation Supply Sub-section (Podsekcja Zaopatrzenia Polowowego) was responsible for purchasing and supply of navigation, signal, safety, and fishing equipment.

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- (3) Main Warehouse (Magazyn Glowny) employed five men and was responsible for storage and distribution of all material and equipment needed by fishing cutters from sails and rigging, compasses, lamps, accumulators, ropes, clothing to combustion engines, spare parts, sheet metal, and copper or steel rods. The main warehouse supplied single fishing vessels and distributed the material as well to the workshops and sub-stores in Gdynia, Wladyslawow, Jastarnia and Hel.
- e. Technical Director (Dyrektor Techniczny) was responsible for the planning, construction, and supervision of land installations and fishing vessels for the smooth functioning of the enterprise. He had a secretariat and two sub-sections subordinated to him:
- (1) Construction Office (Dzial Inwestycji) six employees which cooperated with the supply section and was responsible for planning and constructing new fishing cutters, engines, refrigerating plants, store houses and workshops.
  - (2) Mechanics Section (Dzial Mechaniczny) called also the Technical Inspectorate, employed 10 engineers and was responsible for the maintenance of the fishing fleet. Other duties of this section included:
    - Routine technical inspections of fishing vessels
    - Surveillance of construction of new cutters
    - Surveillance of all repairs, exchange of machinery, spare parts, painting, etc.
    - Investigation of extent and cost of damages to the fishing vessels caused by collisions and mechanical failure
    - Planning and accountability of fuel and lubricants, material used for repairs, wear and tear of tools.
    - Supervision of technical supplies
    - Taking part in test trials of new cutters and delivery of fishing vessels from the shipyards
    - Dealing with correspondence concerning purchase, delivery of technical material, engines, tools, with foreign and Polish factories, enterprises and state industrial administration.
  - (3) Under the Technical Director (through the mechanics section) there were also Emergency Repair Stations (Warsztaty Pogotowia Technicznego) which were small but well-equipped workshops each employing about 25 engineers and mechanics. These repair stations carried on all repairs of engines and machinery, on superstructures and crew's quarters. There were four emergency repair stations; one each in
    - (a) Gdynia
    - (b) Jastarnia
    - (c) Wladyslawowo
    - (d) Hel.

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f. The main repair base of Arka (Rybacka Baza Remontowa) was more independent and controlled directly by the Chief Managing Director of Arka. It was located in Puck 5442N-1825E in barracks which, before 1939, were occupied by the naval squadron of the former Polish Air Force. The repair base was organized and well equipped as a small repair shipyard for shipping vessels and was able to carry on major repairs. It employed about 200 men.

5. Arka Branch Gdynia (Oddzial Arka w Gdyni) was the biggest of all branches and employed in its office and installations on shore 400-500 employees. The Gdynia branch was organized on the same lines as the head office and was controlled by a director. It consisted of:

Branch Office (about 100 persons) divided into sections. The largest was the Personnel Section (Dzial Zalogowy) which was responsible for employment and administration of shore and embarked personnel of the entire enterprise Arka in Gdynia.

Store houses for supplies, machinery, equipment, fuel, and lubricants.

Refrigerating and ice producing plants which supplied other fishing enterprises as well.

Fish sorting and processing shop.

Net production and repair shop, 80-100 workers, mostly women.

Emergency repair shop for fishing cutters (70 engineers and skilled personnel).

Three outposts, (small offices, two to three men each), in the fishing ports of

- (a) Wladyslawowo
- (b) Jastarnia
- (c) Hel.

The location of all offices and installations in Gdynia are shown in Annex B.

6. Arka Branch in Darlowo (Arka Oddzial Darlowo). [ ] it was the smallest branch of Arka [ ] there was a small repair workshop in Darlowo. [ ] Arka planned to build a refrigerating plant and fish processing shop there.

7. Arka Branch in Ustka (Arka Oddzial Ustka) was the second largest subsidiary branch. It had a small office of 35-40 employees with a refrigerating and ice-producing plant, fish processing shop, and a well-equipped workshop. This branch in Ustka was acting also as an agency for High-Sea Fishing Enterprise Dalmor.

8. Arka's Fishing Fleet consisted of about 150 fishing cutters which were distributed among all branches and all fishing ports along the Polish coast. The best of these vessels were based at Gdynia and Hel as their home ports. The majority of the fishing cutters were new, of steel construction, 17 m. long, equipped with goniometers and radio-telephones, combustion semi-Diesel engines, of 75 to 125 ihp. Arka had as well three super-cutters, the JANUARY, WALERY, and HILARY, which were received from UNRA. They had Lincoln engines of 285 ihp, were 27 m. long, with a crew of six to eight.

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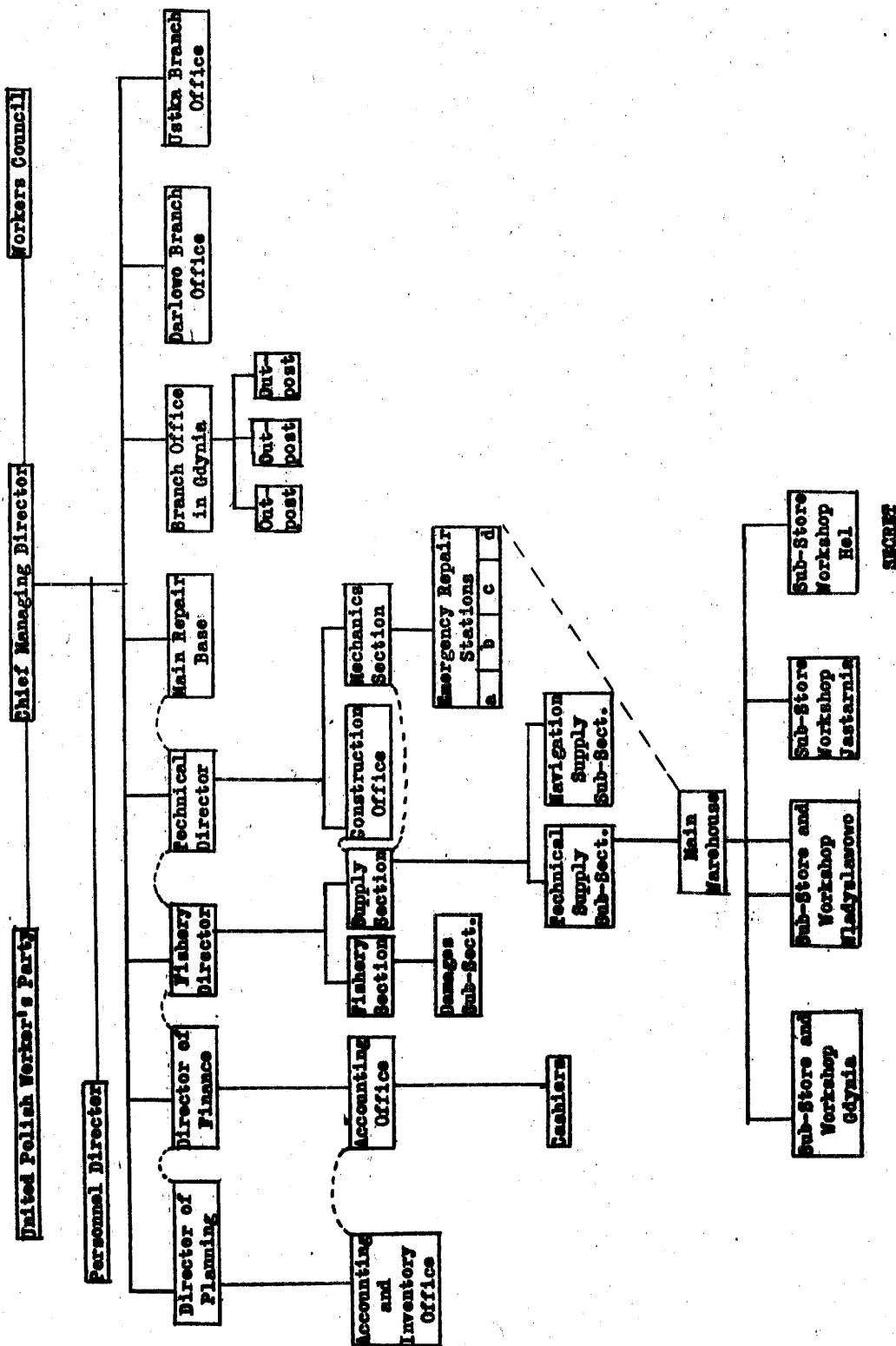
9. Fuel consumption averaged 200 gr. of crude oil for one hour for one hp. Crude oil tanks on each vessel contained six to eight tons. Every vessel had sails also. Radio sets and equipment installed in the fishing cutters were controlled and repaired by Radio Service (Morska Obsluga Radiowa Statkow - MORS) in Gdynia. All fishing cutters were 17 m. long, painted yellow, with a crew of four or five. Registration and numbers were painted on the bow and firm's name, controlling the vessel, appeared on the stern Annex G/20 G/21.
10. Arka's Fishing Fleet fished in the Baltic Sea, very seldom in the North Sea, for cod, flounder, herring, salmon, and eel. The plan set for the year 1953 required one ton of fish for every cutter daily. It was much increased in comparison with the year 1951 when, according to plan, 600 kg. per cutter daily was demanded.
11. According to standing instructions a cutter was forbidden to sail alone. They were forced to sail in groups of three or more with previous permission from Army Border Guard outpost. Every outgoing and incoming fishing vessel was scrupulously searched by WOP for three or four hours. The fishing vessels were as well controlled and checked by WOP patrol boats in and around their fishing grounds. The WOP Patrol vessels were painted gray-blue but sometimes they used yellow painted boats in order to appear as a fishing vessel and deceive the fishermen.
12. The crew was allowed to embark with no clothing other than the work clothes worn by them when they boarded ship.

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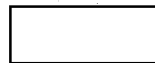
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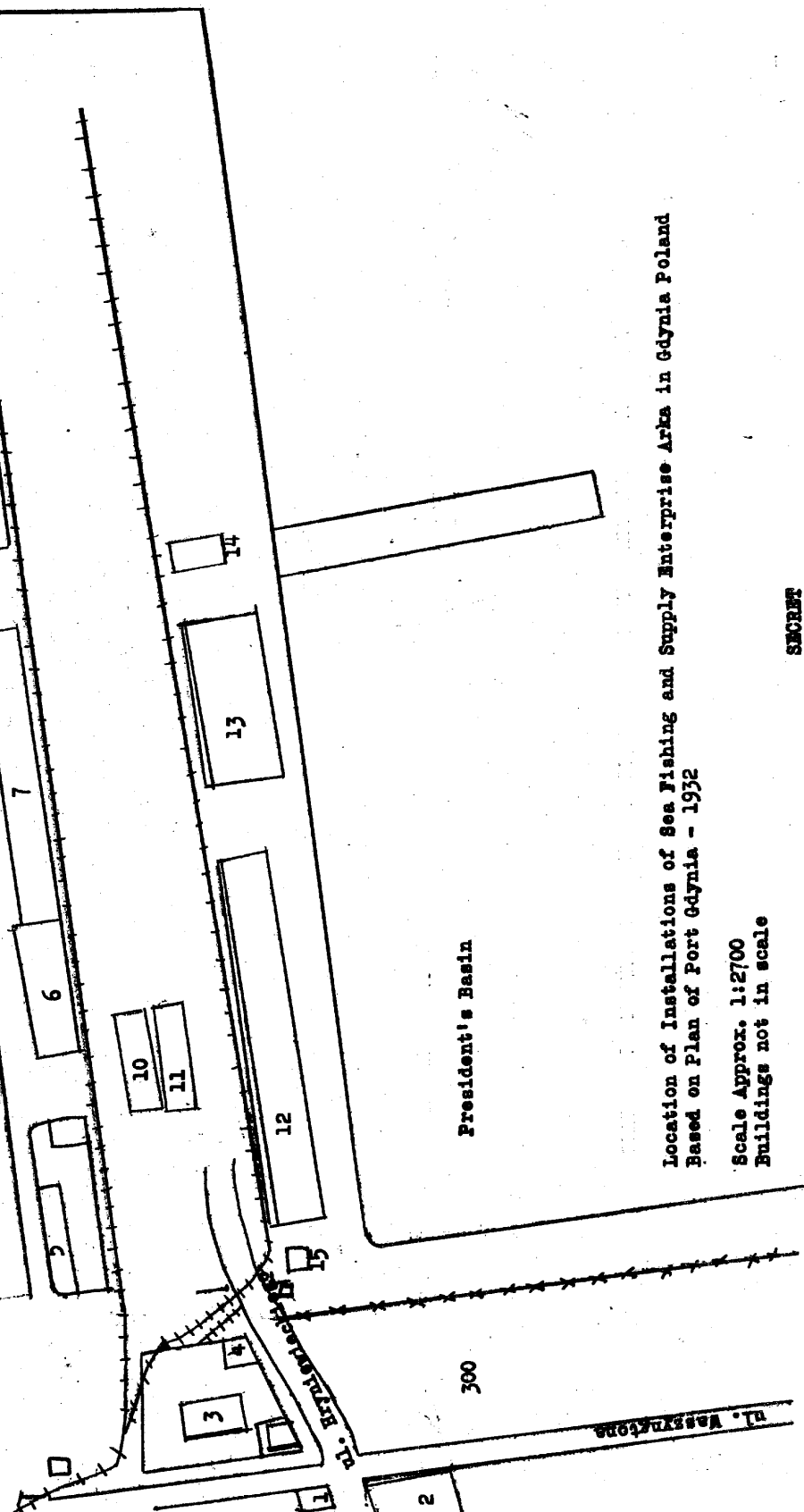
English Pier

President's Basin

Location of Installations of Sea Fishing and Supply Enterprise Arka in Gdynia Poland  
Based on Plan of Port Gdynia - 1932

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Legend

Installations of Sea Fishing and Supply Enterprise Arka in Gdynia

1. Sea Fishing Institute (Morski Instytut Rybacki - MIR) four story brick building 25 x 30 m.
2. The Head Office of Arka (Centrala), 5 story brick and concrete building 40 x 45 m.
3. Main Warehouse for technical material, navigation equipment, partly brick-partly wooden, roof of tar paper, about 12 m. high, 40 x 15 m.
4. Store house for paints, varnish; wooden barrack
5. Emergency Repair Shop, net repair shop, management section, two story partly brick-partly wooden building 50 x 12 m.
6. New refrigerating and ice producing plant; four story concrete building about 40 x 16 m. and 16 m. high
7. Old refrigerating plant, four story concrete building, about 50 x 12 m.
8. Fish processing shop, restaurant for employees, personnel and administration sections three story partly brick-partly concrete building about 40 x 20 m.
9. Filling station for crude oil for fishing and coastal vessels, brick building and underground oil tanks.
10. Stores for builders material; wooden barrack
11. Stores for builders material; wooden barrack
12. Refrigerating and ice producing plant under construction, already under roof, was partly used for cleaning and sorting fish; concrete building about 18 m. high, 60 x 14 m.
13. Fish processing and packing shop with the loading quay; concrete building, three story, about 50 x 20 m.
14. Dispensary, recreation room; wooden barrack
15. Guard house and main gate guarded by port installation guard

All installations are fenced with barbed wire.

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